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**VIA ECFS**

**Notice of Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission 445  
12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On December 5, 2017, the undersigned and Kathryn Glaser of HD Tandem, along with Megan Delany, Principal, Dentons, met separately with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly, and Claude Aiken, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meetings, we discussed HD Tandem's Internet Protocol Homing Tandem ("IPHT") proposal whereby local exchange carriers that are hosting high-volume voice applications should be required to home to a new application IPHT. Under HD Tandem's IPHT proposal, originating carriers could then choose over which route to send their traffic - via the legacy TDM tandem or via the IPHT. This proposal would address industry concerns in the near term as well as stimulate the IP Transition in the long term by incentivizing carriers to embrace IP networks and technologies.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Erickson

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President

cc: Claude Aiken  
Amy Bender